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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA-CHINA: KHIEU SAMPHAN LEAVE PEKING; NEW AID AGREEMENT SIGNED.

KHMER COMMUNIST "DEFENSE MINISTER" KHIEU SAMPHAN LEFT PEKING EARLY TODAY BY AIR FOR HANOI AND, EVENTUALLY, CAMBODIA. SAMPHAN ARRIVED IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL ON MAY 20, FOLLOWING VISITS TO NINE EAST EUROPEAN, AFRICAN, AND MIDDLE EASTERN CAPITALS.

THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CLOSE OF SAMPHAN'S VISIT ALIGNED PEKING MORE CLEARLY AND FIRMLY WITH THE KHMER COMMUNISTS IN THE FIELD, AND, WHILE NOT IGNORING SIHOUK ENTIRELY, GENERALLY DOWNPLAYED HIS ROLE IN THE "STRUGGLE." SIHANOUK APPARENTLY WAS NOT PRESENT DURING THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING. THE COMMUNIQUE CALLED ON THE US TO END ITS "AGGRESSION" IN CAMBODIA AND ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE "TRAITOROUS CLIQUE" IN PHNOM PENH, ADDING THAT THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION SHOULD BE SOLVED BY THE

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CAMBODIANS THEMSELVES "FREE OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE." THE COM-
MUNIQUE ALSO NOTED THAT AN AID AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED PRO-
VIDING FOR " GRATIS" CHINESE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
TO THE KHMER COMMUNISTS. THERE HAD BEEN INDICATIONS HAT IN
L973 PEKING HAD PRIMARILY GIVEN THE REBELS MONEY TO BUY ARMS,
RATHER THAN SUPPLYING SIGNFICANT AMOUNTS OF MATERIEL DIRECTLY.

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